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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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This is in response to the communication of May 15, 2003. The applicant's attorney apologizes if he did not fully respond to the prior restriction requirement. As noted

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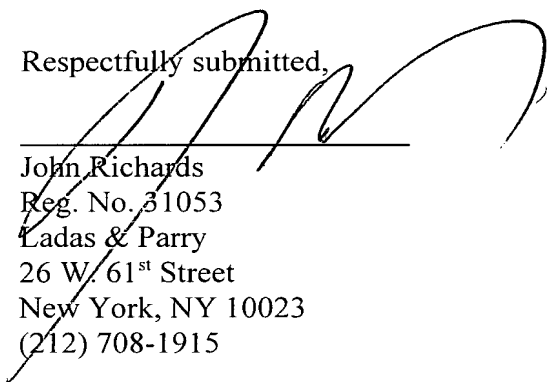
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previously, claim 1 is directed to a particular technique which may have broad applicability. However, this is not to admit that it may not be inventive to employ that technique in a particular reaction. The Applicants therefore do not agree that arguing that claim 1 should be examined as presented means that the application of the technique claimed renders the application of that technique to all specified reactions unpatentable should it transpire that the technique has been disclosed in one particular reaction.

The applicants make a provisional election of species (a) listed by the examiner in the restriction action of November 5, 2002.. However, it is believed that at least species (b) should be joined with it.

Respectfully submitted,



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